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1. Until the time of the Tito-Cominform break, nearly the entire production of the mines of Yugoslavia was sent to the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia in exchange for machinery and manufactured goods. Today, however, the United States, England, France, Belgium and Italy are the principal recipients of Yugoslav ores in exchange for manufactured products, food and machinery. Yugoslav miners are working with unusual diligence, since they are aware that a certain percentage of ores exported is set aside for the purchase of food and clothes which are distributed directly to them and calculated to raise their standard of living.

2. The following is a partial list of operating mines in Yugoslavia:

- Bor : Copper mine in Serbia from which approximately 30 tons of ore are extracted daily and sold only for dollars or sterling, or exchanged for machinery or machine tools.
- Trepca : Zinc mine with a current daily production of 20 tons. Directors of this mine are Ivo Rankovic, and Saffi Semiatti, both Dalmatians.
- Mezica : Daily production is approximately 20 tons of lead, 6 tons of zinc and several kilograms of silver.
- Ljebije : Iron ore mine in Macedonia. This mine is being greatly expanded, and a modern foundry is under construction near the site. The project is run by a German engineer (unidentified), assisted by several German technicians. Six hundred men are employed at the mine and foundry, some of whom are "criminals" condemned to forced labor.

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The project was recently visited by the General Director of the Ministry of Mines who stated that upon completion, it will have the largest and most modern foundry in eastern Europe.

- Borce Petrov : Chrome mine with a daily production of 8 tons. This figure is being increased rapidly, with the current installation of modern machinery.
- Trobovlje : Coal mine in Slovenia, producing 1,200 tons a day.
- Mostar, Drnis and Rovinj : Bauxite mines with approximate daily production of 2,000 tons.

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